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Securities Division enters Order against New York Ring for Securities Fraud "Investors told they will never lose one penny, eight Utah victims lose \$77,800" (For immediate release...)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – The Division of Securities announced today that an Order to Show Cause has been entered against Greenmill Services, Inc. of New York and its partners: Michael Preston, Leo Wagner, and Ralph Difalco for two counts of Securities Fraud for offering unregistered, fraudulent stocks to eight Utah investors which violated the *Utah Securities Act*. The Utah Division of Securities is seeking a total fine of \$400,000 from Greenmill Services, Inc. and the three business partners named in the Order.

According to the Order, a Greenmill representative called a Utah investor (D.T.) in 2004 and offered him investments in three companies; ETC Solutions, Turbo Scan, and NY Railroad.com. The caller claimed that these three companies were either going to go public soon with soaring stock gains or were expected to gain large profits and that the investor stood to earn a return between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a month on his investment. D.T. sent \$35,000 and seven other Utah investors sent a combined \$42,600 to Greenmill and its partners between February 23, 2005 and February 2, 2006. When D.T. later asked that his earnings be withdrawn from Greenmill, he was told by a partner that his deposits were held in The World Bank and that they could not accesss his funds because The World Bank was using his money for foreign currency trading. A caller who identified himself as the head of The World Bank told D.T. that he could only release the alleged \$3.1 million dollars in profits, if the Utah investor sent The World Bank \$6,000 in bank fees. D.T. did not send any money to The World Bank. To date, none of the eight investors have received any investments back from Greenmill or its partners.

Greenmill and its partners never disclosed to investors that the three companies were not publicly traded, most of the investors deposits were withdrawn as cash from one partner's bank account, and that some of the investors' deposits were used to pay off personal bills for Internet access, cell phone service, and Direct TV. As of June 30, 2006 Greenmill's bank account showed a zero balance.



A hearing is scheduled on March 22, 2007 to determine whether Greenmill or its partners dispute the Division's allegations.

Investors are urged to contact the Division of Securities to make sure anyone offering investments is licensed, by calling (801) 530.6600, toll free at 1.800.721.7233 or logging on to www.securities.utah.gov.

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